

REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Attorney Docket: 381AS/49196DV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Box PATENT APPLICATION

February 8, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

under		s a request for filing a continuation or X divisional application F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:
		Serial No
<u>X</u>	1.	Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed. Total pages <u>1-26</u> , plus <u>12</u> sheets of drawings showing Figures <u>1-12</u> .
	2.	New formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of sheets, depicting Figures
<u>X</u>	3.	Declaration and Power of Attorney:
		a Newly executed (original or copy)
		b. X Copy from prior application
		i Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
<u>X</u>	4.	Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

<u>X</u>	5.	Cancel original claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 11, 12, 15, 16		
	6.	Small entity status:		
		a A small entity statement is enclosed		
		b A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.		
		c Is no longer claimed		
<u>X</u>	7.	The filing fee is calculated below:		
	<u>CA</u>	CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS INCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT		
Basic	Fee	\$370 \$740		
Total	Claim	$9 - 20 = 0 \times 9 = 18 = 9 $		
Ind. C	Claims	<u>1</u> - 3 = <u>0</u> x 40 = \$_ 80 = \$_0		
Multiple Dependent Claims + 140 = \$ 280 = \$				
		Total \$ \$ <u>740</u>		
	8.	Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #) in the amount of \$		
<u>X</u>	9.	A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.		
<u>X</u>	10.	The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381AS/49196DV).		
X	11.	Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:		

09/654,615, filed September 1, 2000.--

-- This application is a divisional of application Serial No.

- X 12. Priority of Appln. No. <u>2000-061890</u>, filed in <u>Japan</u> on <u>2 March 2000</u> is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/654,615 on December 20, 2000.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to <u>Hitachi, Ltd.</u>.
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Martin Fleit, Reg. No. 16,900; Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169; Richard R. Diefendorf, Reg. No. 32, 390; and Paul A. Schnose, Reg. No. 39,361.

- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- ____ b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- ___ c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- X 16. Form PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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